



There are 35 million Californians. If we all save even one drop of water a day that would add up to thousands of gallons. With California facing a water shortage, we need to take action now.

- Fix leaks in your sprinkler system and save up to 20 gallons a day.
- Water your lawn between 5:00 pm and 8:00 am. Evaporation during warmer hours can waste up to 25 gallons a day.
- Adjust your timer to keep watering down to once every 3-4 days.

Start conserving today and you could save up to 100 gallons by next week.

**Conserve water, one drop at a time.**



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California is experiencing some of the most significant challenges to its water supply in almost half a century. Despite the increased news coverage and political attention, many Californians are only mildly aware of the state's pending water crisis.

Nearly two years of below-average rainfall, very low snowmelt runoff in Northern California, a prolonged drought in the Colorado River basin, and environmental issues in the San Joaquin Delta

resulted in Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's June declaration that California is in a statewide drought. While legislators develop a balanced, long-term plan to address the state's water supply issues, there is an immediate need to increase water conservation efforts throughout California.

Following the Governor's action, the Metropolitan Water District (the agency responsible for bringing imported water to Southern California) issued a "Water Supply Alert" and called for water providers—including the City of Newport Beach—to voluntarily increase their conservation outreach efforts.

While there are currently no mandatory water use restrictions, Newport Beach residents are encouraged to conserve and practice wise water

use. Our goal is for all water customers to voluntarily reduce water consumption by 10 percent, or about 20 gallons per person, per day.

Working together, Californians can save water for our future, conserve energy and reduce urban runoff. The other side of this card gives some practical household tips for conserving water. The City also provides detailed water conservation information on our website at: [www.WaterSmartNewport.org](http://www.WaterSmartNewport.org)



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